

**North Dakota Medicaid Program Integrity Update
March 27 and 28, 2024**

Q - Are you offering the same update on June 19th as the 20th?

A - Yes, the goal is to offer the same information on each date. We will use the same slide deck and the same presenters.

Q - Are the audits conducted by Qlarant the same as PERM audits or are they something different?

A - No, Qlarant is the CMS Unified Program Integrity Contractor (UPIC) which is different from the Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) audit cycle which occurs every three years.

Q - When can we expect the Qlarant auditing to begin?

A - There is an audit set to begin that Qlarant is continuing. The initial phase of the audit involved a single location. The next ten have been selected and contact with these facilities is set to be initiated by 4/12/2024 or the week after.